

Privatization of DoD Early Transfer Cleanups (Draft Aug 25, 2008)

Background

- On January 3, 2008, FFRRO requested from the military information on the military's efforts to privatize environmental restoration at military sites. Specifically, FFRRO sought information from DoD involving expected early transfers of property where the developer or other organization conducts the cleanup. With such information, EPA will be better able to prepare for such privatization efforts.

Navy Response

- On July 21, 2008, the Navy responded to FFRRO's information request concerning the Navy's privatization efforts and noted that there are two BRAC non-NPL sites, Former Naval Fuel Depot Point Molate, and Treasure Island, involving early property transfers with privatization of the cleanup. Both sites are in California. There is no Navy proposed early transfer schedule for Treasure Island parcel (748.8 acres).
- It should be noted that Point Molate is not listed on the BRAC I-IV MOU, and the early transfer of 41 acres to the City of Richmond, with the Navy providing \$28.5 million to the City for cleanup, is in the final stages of review and approval by the City. The non-NPL early transfer does not require concurrence by EPA and FFRRO does not expect EPA to be involved in this site. Treasure Island is a BRAC III site and is listed on the BRAC I-IV MOU.

Air Force Response

- On August 11, 2008, the Air Force responded to FFRRO's privatization information request noted that there is one BRAC NPL site, McClellan AFB, where two additional early transfer privatizations are planned. One is expected to occur in December 2009 and the other in December 2010. These two privatizations will include the early transfer of approximately 2,015 acres.

Next Steps

- Region 9 reviews and responds to FFRRO regarding resource requirements, including FTEs, for proposed privatization efforts at Treasure Island and McClellan AFB.
- EPA and affected military service/DoD select at least one site for privatization of cleanup by mid-September.
- By end of September, affected military service/DoD agree to fund EPA oversight costs for at least one privatization site. (Funding may also be through an Administrative Order on Consent with the LRA/developer in which the LRA/developer agrees to pay the oversight costs of EPA and the affected state.)